PHILMONT EXPEDITION UNIT REGISTRATION FOR 2015

Unit reservation requests for 2015 Expeditions for Philmont Scout Ranch will be made online beginning Monday, October 28 thru Sunday, December 1, 2013. **Please read this information completely** for instructions on the process, fees, and attendance requirements for Philmont. The following information is provided to assist your unit in placing a reservation request:

1. From Monday, October 28 thru Sunday, December 1, 2013, reservation requests will be accepted via internet for 12-day and 7-day Expeditions.
2. Reservations **will not** be assigned in the order that requests are made. **Reservations will be picked randomly by computer after** December 1, the close of the reservation request period. **Special Note: Boy Scout Troops, Varsity Teams, Venturing Crews, and Explorer Posts who have officially been on the *Reserve List for the past four consecutive years (2014, 2013, 2012, 2011) will be given priority treatment.** These units still need to place an entry for their unit and the system will grant a reservation before the other requests are randomly considered. Units who should have been eligible for this offer but have found alternate ways to allow their youth members to participate in 2014 (i.e. participating in a Council Contingent or joining another unit and participating as part of their reservation) should voluntarily withdraw from the 2015 reservation system and honor the minimum participation requirement of every other year.
3. Units may make only one reservation request during this process. However, the request may be made for consideration of multiple arrival dates. **Please do not attempt to make duplicate reservation requests.**
4. A unit representative may place a reservation request for members of their chartered unit only, but are not limited to one crew (maximum crew size = 12 participants), however, please be realistic when estimating attendance to avoid unnecessary expense (forfeited fees) and to permit the maximum number of units to obtain a reservation. Please refer to the formula on the worksheet to determine the number of crews you are requesting.
5. A worksheet is provided in order to assist you in collecting the information required to place your reservation request. Please complete the worksheet and have it available when you access the website. **DO NOT SEND THE WORKSHEET TO PHILMONT.**
6. Unit representatives may log on to **http://philmontreservations.wslive.com/2015** during their assigned week that corresponds with their BSA Region or during the Open Week. To verify the BSA Region in which your unit is located, please contact your Council Service Center.
   - ▶ **Week One: Northeast Region ~ Oct 28 - Nov 3**
   - ▶ **Week Two: Western Region ~ Nov 4 - 10**
   - ▶ **Week Three: Southern Region ~ Nov 11 - 17**
   - ▶ **Week Four: Central Region ~ Nov 18 - 24**
   - ▶ **Week Five: Open Week (Any Region) ~ Nov 25 – Dec 1**

   Please Note: Week One will begin at 12:00 am Central Daylight Saving Time AND Week Two, Week Three and Week Four will begin at 12:00 am Central Standard Time.
7. The system will allow the unit representative to create a new password to allow changes or corrections to the unit reservation entry within their assigned week or during the open week. The representative will receive a confirmation email at the conclusion of the request process. Only one record is kept on file for each unit.
8. Once the unit reservation request window closes, the system will randomly select units to receive reservations. When 2015 reaches capacity, groups will continue to be drawn and placed on a ***Reserve List** for 2015 in the event of cancellations.
9. Units with a confirmed 2014 reservation for Philmont may not place a request for 2015 – units may not attend in two consecutive seasons. Reservations may not be transferred from one unit to another. Philmont will maintain the ***Reserve List** and contact the next available group on this list in the event of a cancellation.
10. After the computer selection process is completed, an email will be sent to each representative giving them their unit's status. This will take place during the middle of December. A hard copy of the registration results will be sent in January.
11. A **$100 non-refundable deposit**, per participant will be due **February 28, 2014**.
12. Questions about the 2015 registration process may be directed to Philmont Scout Ranch by email to camping@philmontscoutranch.org or by phone: 575-376-2281.

***The "Waiting List" has been renamed "Reserve List"**

SUMMER 2015 PHILMONT REGISTRATION REQUEST WORKSHEET
(Do not mail this worksheet to Philmont!)

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during your BSA Region's assigned week or during the open week to make your reservation request.

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Please complete all information on this worksheet before using the internet to make your registration request.

Please circle one: Troop Varsity Team Venturing Crew Explorer Post Unit # _____

Council Name _____ _____

Sponsoring Organization _____City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Contact Name_____

Address_____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone: Home/Cell _____ _____ _____ W _____ _____ _____

Email address _____

Please use this formula to determine the number of crews you will reserve:

# of youth _____ + # of adults _____ = _____ ÷ 12 = _____ Crews*

** Round crew # up to next whole # Example: 16 youth + 4 adults = 20 ÷ 12 = 1.66 crews – round to 2 crews*

# of Crews _____ (maximum crew size 12, minimum crew size 7)

# of Youth _____ (**2015 Philmont participants must be 14 years of age [by date of arrival] OR completed 8th Grade and be at least 13 years of age by date of participation.**)

# of Adults _____ (21 years of age or older, limited to 4 per crew)

Available 12-day Expedition Dates – Every day from June 8 through August 9
***Additional Available 7-day Expedition Dates – JUNE 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28**
JULY 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26 - AUGUST 1, 2, 8,9
Existing Available 7-day Expedition Dates - August 10, 11, 12, 13, 14

Please note on the registration request website you must do one and/or any of the following:

1) **prioritize 5 preferable arrival dates**
2) **check all specific arrival dates your group would like to be considered for**
3) **check preferred month(s) (June, July, August), or 1st Available 7-Day Expedition your group would be able to attend on any available date**
4) **check that you are able to accept any available date throughout the summer**

Reminder – When making your registration request you must check at least one preference date.

***Please find 7-Day Trek Dates – 2015 information, page 3**

PHILMONT ADVENTURES 2015 INFORMATION UPDATE

THE PHILMONT TREK EXPERIENCE

Philmont Scout Ranch offers a unique experience that is not risk-free. Knowledgeable staff will instruct all participants in safety measures to be followed. Be prepared to listen to and carefully follow these safety measures and to accept responsibility for the health and safety of yourself and others.

Each participant must be able to carry a 35- to 50-pound pack while hiking 5 to 12 miles per day in an isolated mountain wilderness ranging from 6,500 to 12,500 feet in elevation. Summer/autumn climatic conditions include temperatures from 30 to 90 degrees, low humidity (10 to 30 percent), and frequent, sometimes severe, afternoon thunderstorms. Activities include horseback riding, rock climbing and rappelling, challenge events, pole climbing, black powder shooting, 12-gauge trap shooting, .30-06 shooting, trail building, mountain biking, and other activities that have potential for injury.

Philmont requires that all participants meet the height/weight limits found on the last page of this document.

EXPEDITIONS:

Length: 12 days & nights
Arrival Dates: Each day June 8 through August 9
Cost: $855 per person
Payment Schedule:
$100/person deposit due Feb 28, 2014
$377.50/person advance Oct. 1, 2014
$377.50/person balance March 1, 2015

Length: 7 days & nights
Add'l Available Arrival Dates: June 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28 - July 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26 - August 1, 2, 8, 9
Existing Available Arrival Dates: August 10, 11, 12, 13, 14
Cost: $499 per person
Payment Schedule:
$100/person deposit due Feb 28, 20114
$199.50/person advance due Oct 1, 2014
$199.50/person balance due March 1, 2015

****2nd YEAR SEVEN DAY TREK DATES – 2015***

2015 will be our second year to offer 7-Day Expedition arrival dates which will begin on Saturdays & Sundays throughout the summer in addition to the existing 7-Day arrival dates of August 10, 11, 12, 13, & 14. The additional arrival dates are as follows: **JUNE 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28 - JULY 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26 - AUGUST 1, 2, 8,9.** This will support leaders who have only one week of vacation or can only take vacation in one week segments. Itineraries will be established to focus on underused parts of the Ranch: South-Central, North, Valle Vidal-North.
Day 1 – Arrive/Base Camp/Opening Program
Day 2 – Day 6 - Hike
Day 7 - Hike/Base Camp/Closing Program
Day 8 - Depart

FEE PAYMENTS

The Philmont fee is charged for every participant, including adult advisors. A deposit of $100.00 per participant is required to hold your reservation and is due approximately (45) days of receiving a confirmation letter. Each group must pay half of the balance of fees (advance) by October 1, with the final payment (balance) due March 1.

ALL FEE PAYMENTS (deposit, advance, balance) ARE NON-REFUNDABLE AND NON-TRANSFERABLE TO THE BALANCE OF YOUR ACCOUNT. Philmont must commit financial resources to employ staff, purchase food and supplies and prepare for summer operations. Participants are, therefore, required to make a financial commitment to attend.

Be conservative in making reservations to avoid losing fees due to cancellations. Keep in mind that additional youth and adult participants can be added after your reservation is confirmed and prior to your arrival at Philmont up to a total of 12 participants per crew.

AGE REQUIREMENT

Age requirement for Expeditions and Cavalcades: 2015 Philmont participants must be 14 years of age (by date of arrival) OR completed 8th Grade and be at least 13 years of age by date of participation.

ADULT LEADERSHIP

The best available adult leadership should be recruited to accompany each crew. In keeping with the policy of the Boy Scouts of America, there are no gender restrictions for adult leadership at Philmont, except that each coed crew must have coed adult advisors at least 21 years of age or older.

Each Philmont Expedition or Cavalcade crew must have at least two qualified adult advisors 21 years of age or older. Because Philmont's objective is to serve youth; every crew is required to have a majority of youth participants and **no more than four (4) adult advisors 21 or over.**

Philmont does not have facilities or program opportunities for the families of Expedition participants. No family program is available at Camping Headquarters.

*CAVALCADES***

Participants of Philmont Cavalcades ride horseback over some of Philmont's most scenic trails. Designed for chartered troops or venturing crews, Cavalcade participants acquire riding and packing skills long in use in the American West. Philmont offers two eight-day, eight-night Cavalcades on each arrival date. The crew size is 10-15 participants, including leaders. There is a **200 pound weight limit for all riders**.

A random drawing will be held in January 2014 for 2015 Cavalcades. Selected groups will be notified by email and will receive a letter and reservation form by mail that must be approved by their local council. A group may not attend in two consecutive seasons on a Cavalcade experience and/or 12 day Backpacking Expedition.

Length: 8 days & nights
Arrival Dates: June 16, 17, 25, 26,
July 5, 6, 14, 15, 24, 25
August 2, 3, 12, 13
Cost: $730 per person

Payment Schedule:
$100/person deposit due March 1, 2014
$315.00/person advance due Oct. 1, 2014
$315.00/person balance due March 1, 2015

**To participate in the 2015 Cavalcade Drawing, a crew must notify Philmont in writing no later than January 1, 2014. Your request can be emailed to camping@philmontscoutranch.org and include a contact name, address, Unit # and the name of your Council of registration.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Waite Phillips Scholarships are available to assist worthy youth have an opportunity to participate in a Philmont Scout Ranch experience.

These scholarships are awarded thru local councils and Philmont. Notification of scholarship allocation and application processes will take place in Fall of 2014.

STAFF OPPORTUNITIES

Each season, Philmont employs over 1,000 staff members. A wide variety of positions are available, including: rangers; backcountry program counselors; training center and base camp support staff. Applicants must be 18 years of age by time of employment, or older, and previous Philmont or other high adventure experience is helpful. Call, write or email philstaff@philmontscoutranch.org for an application.

RISK ADVISORY - PHILMONT SCOUT RANCH

Philmont has an excellent health and safety record with over 970,000 adults and young people having attended since 1938. Philmont strives to minimize risks to participants and advisors by emphasizing proper safety precautions. Most participants in Philmont programs do not experience injuries because they are prepared, are conscious of risks, and take safety precautions. If you decide to attend Philmont, you should be physically fit, have proper clothing and equipment, be willing to follow instructions and work as a team with your crew and take responsibility for your own health and safety. For further information please thoroughly read the *Guidebook to Adventure*. Like other wilderness areas, Philmont is not risk free and you should be prepared to listen to safety instructions carefully, follow directions and take appropriate steps to safeguard yourself and others.

Parents, guardians and potential participants in Philmont programs are advised that journeying to and from Philmont, and one's stay at Philmont, can involve exposure to accident, illness, and/or injury associated with a high elevation, physically demanding, high adventure program in a remote mountainous area. Campers may be exposed to occasional severe weather conditions such as lightning, hail, flash floods and heat. Other potential problems include: injuries from tripping and falling, motor vehicle accidents, worsening of underlying medical conditions such as diabetes or asthma, heart attacks, heat exhaustion and falls from horses.

Philmont's trails are steep and rocky. Wild animals such as bears, rattlesnakes and mountain lions are native and usually present little danger if proper precautions are taken. Please refer to the *Guidebook to Adventure*, speak with previous Philmont participants, or call Philmont for further information concerning risks and measures which can be taken to avoid accidents. Philmont has staff trained in first aid, CPR and accident prevention, and is prepared to assist in recognizing, reacting, and responding to accidents, injuries and illnesses. Each crew is also required to have at least one member trained in wilderness first aid and CPR. Medical and search and rescue services are provided by Philmont in response to an accident or emergency. However, response times can be affected by location, weather or other emergencies and could be delayed six (6) or more hours.

Philmont trail food is, by necessity, a high carbohydrate, high caloric diet. The trail food is high in wheat, milk products, sugar and corn syrup, and artificial coloring/flavoring. Most dinner meals contain meat. If participant has a problem with the diet described above, contact Philmont for a copy of the trail menu and ingredients and plan to send supplemental food. Philmont will deliver supplemental food to the appropriate pickup places.

PHILMONT WEIGHT LIMITS FOR BACKPACKING AND HIKING

Each participant in a Philmont trek must not exceed the maximum acceptable limit in the weight for height chart shown below. The right hand column shows the maximum acceptable weight for a person's height in order to participate in a Philmont trek. Those who fall within the limits are more likely to have an enjoyable trek and avoid incurring health risks. These guidelines are used because overweight individuals are at a greater risk for heart disease, high blood pressure, stroke, altitude illness, sleep problems and injury.

Participants 21 years and older who exceed the maximum acceptable weight limit for their height at the Philmont medical recheck WILL NOT be permitted to backpack or hike at Philmont. For example, a person 70 inches tall cannot weigh more than 226 lbs. All heights and weights will be measured in stocking feet.

For participants under 21 years of age who exceed the maximum acceptable weight for height, the Philmont physicians will use their best professional judgment in determining participation in a Philmont trek. Participants under 21 years of age are strongly encouraged to meet the weight limit for their height. Exceptions are not made automatically and discussion in advance with Philmont is required regarding any exception to the weight limit for persons under 21 years of age, whether it is over or under. Philmont will consider up to 20 lbs. over the maximum acceptable as stated on the chart, however, the exception will never exceed 295 lbs. Philmont's phone number is 575-376-2281.

The maximum weight for any participant in a Cavalcade Trek and for horse rides is 200 lbs. **Under no circumstances will any individual weighing more than 295 pounds be permitted to participate in backcountry programs.** This requirement is necessary because of limitations of rescue equipment and for safety of search and rescue personnel.

Individuals who do not meet Philmont's weight for height requirements will not be allowed on the trail and will be sent home.

Height (inches)	Recommended Weight (lbs)	Allowable Exception	Maximum Acceptable
60	97 - 138	139-166	166
61	101-143	144-172	172
62	104-148	149-178	178
63	107-152	153-183	183
64	111-157	158-189	189
65	114-162	163-195	195
66	118-167	168-201	201
67	121-172	173-207	207
68	125-178	179-214	214
69	129-185	186-220	220

Height (inches)	Recommended Weight (lbs)	Allowable Exception	Maximum Acceptable
70	132-188	189-226	226
71	136-194	195-233	233
72	140-199	200-239	239
73	144-205	206-246	246
74	148-210	211-252	252
75	152-216	217-260	260
76	156-222	223-267	267
77	160-228	229-274	274
78	164-234	235-281	281
79 & over	170-240	241-295	295

This table is based on the revised Dietary Guidelines for Americans from the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture and the Dept. of Health & Human Services.

A water-displacement test to determine percent body fat will also be accepted in lieu of the height-weight guidelines. Women will need to have a body fat of 20% or less and men will need to have a body fat of 15% or less to be qualified to participate. No other form of test to determine percent body fat (DEXA scan, skin fold, etc.) will accepted by Philmont.